

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Groups and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani
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RE: Children's Caseload Segregation/Integration 1993-1998

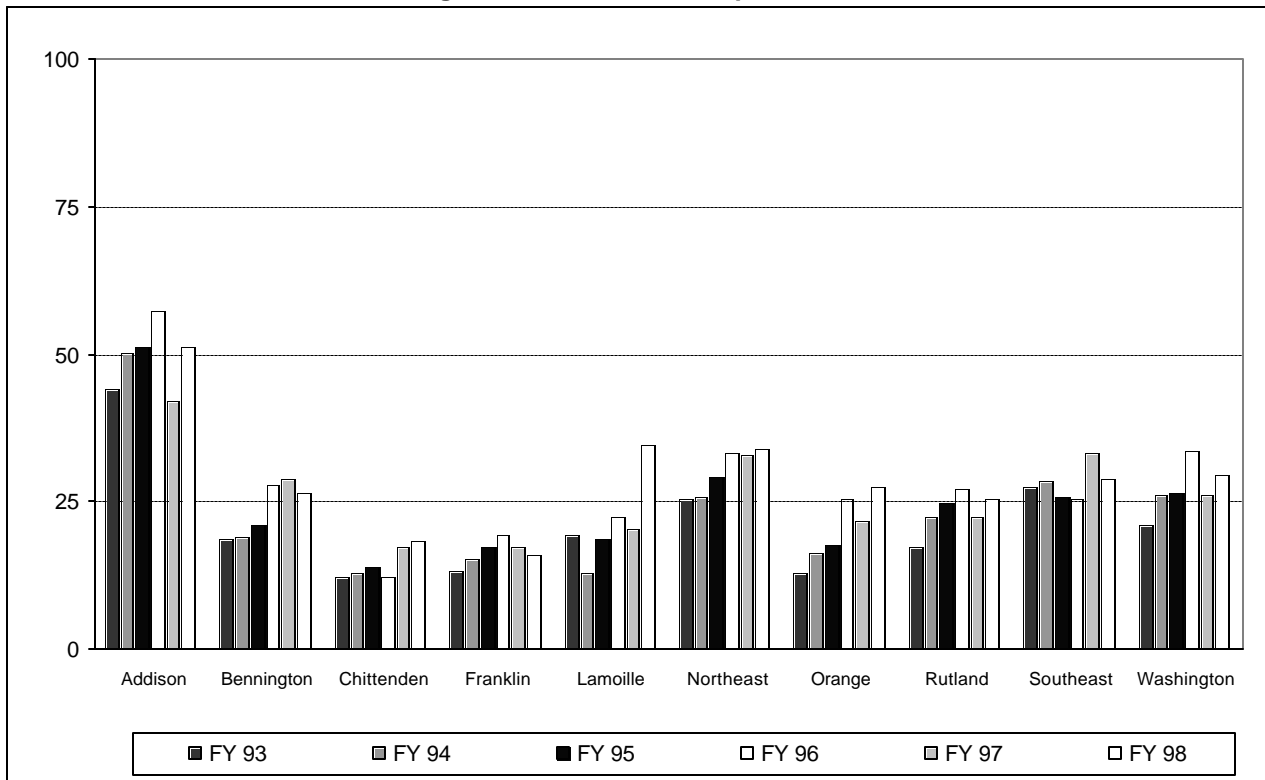
The vision of an integrated, coordinated "system of care" has been central to discussions of meeting the needs of children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbances for years. The attached page provides the results of applying one measure of service system integration to Vermont's ten local systems of care for fiscal years 1993-1998. This measure, the Caseload Segregation-Integration Ratio (CSIR), measures service system integration with reference to the degree of caseload overlap among three child-serving agencies: community mental health programs, state child protection agencies, and special education programs for students with emotional behavioral disorders. This measure can be considered a system level measure of practice patterns. The Caseload Segregation-Integration Ratio ranges from zero to one hundred. The greater the amount of caseload sharing, the higher the numerical value.

As you will see, the amount of caseload integration statewide increased substantially between 1993 and 1997, but dropped off slightly in 1998. There was also substantial variation in the degree of caseload integration among regions of the state. Addison County was consistently high; the Chittenden and Franklin service areas were consistently low.

We are currently conducting analyses designed to identify causes and consequences of Caseload Segregation/Integration. When the analyses are completed, we will share the results with you. If you have questions, comments, or would care to suggest measurable causes or consequences of variation in CSIR, please give one of us a call or email to jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

CASELOAD SEGREGATION - INTEGRATION RATIO FOR CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE, FY 1993 - 1998

Including CMH, SRS and EBD Special Education



CMH Region	Caseload Segregation - Integration Ratio					
	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
Statewide	23	24	27	30	31	29
Addison	44	50	51	57	42	51
Bennington	19	19	21	28	29	26
Chittenden	12	13	14	12	17	18
Franklin	13	15	17	19	17	16
Lamoille	19	13	19	22	20	34
Northeast	26	26	29	33	33	34
Orange	13	16	18	25	22	27
Rutland	17	22	25	27	22	25
Southeast	27	28	26	25	33	29
Washington	21	26	27	34	26	29

The values of the Segregation-Integration Ratio vary from zero (0) to one hundred (100), with zero indicating that the caseloads of the three programs are totally segregated and one hundred indicating that the caseloads are totally integrated. In a totally segregated system, no child or adolescent would be served by more than one service sector. In a totally integrated service system, every child would be served by every sector if the sectors were all the same size. When sectors are not the same size in a totally integrated service system, every child and adolescent served by a smaller sector would also be served by every larger sector.

CMH and SRS include all children and adolescents served during the fiscal year. EBD Special Education includes all children and adolescents on an IEP for EBD on December 1 of the fiscal year.